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PATENT

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Saburo SONE et al.

Application No.: 09/864,364

Filed: May 25, 2001

For: NON-HUMAN ANIMAL
EXHIBITING BONE METASTASIS
OF TUMOR CELLS

Group Art Unit: 1632

Examiner: Li, Qian J.

Confirmation No. 1599

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Applicants now respond to the Office Action mailed February 25, 2004. The period for reply has been extended three months, to August 25, 2004, by the Petition for Three Month Extension of Time and fee payment filed concurrently herewith. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of all outstanding rejections.

Please amend the application as follows: